

## Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 1-3, 17-19 and 24-26, and has cancelled claims 8-14, 16, 31-37 and 39 without prejudice. Applicant previously cancelled claims 4-6, 15, 20-22, 27-29, 38 and 40-60 without prejudice. Applicant sets forth below a complete listing of the claims with the corresponding status indicated for each claim.

1. (Currently Amended) A process comprising:
  - providing a database ~~that comprises an image associated with~~ comprising a spot color ~~pattern~~ name associated with corresponding image data;
  - receiving a print job comprising page description language (“PDL”) code that includes a reference to ~~comprising~~ the spot color ~~pattern~~ name;
  - identifying the spot color name in the PDL code;
  - retrieving from the database the corresponding image data associated with the identified spot color name;
  - adding ~~page description language (“PDL”) PDL~~ code to the print job for painting the retrieved image data as a PostScript pattern in the print job;
  - executing the PDL code in the print job;
  - ~~extracting the image data from the database retrieved file name;~~ and
  - painting the retrieved image data as a PostScript pattern in the print job.
2. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1, wherein the image ~~[[is]]~~ data ~~are~~ definable by a user.
3. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1, further comprising providing a user interface that allows a user to create, modify and/or delete the image data and the spot color ~~pattern~~ name in the database.
- 4-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1, further comprising adding additional PDL code to the print job to perform other tasks that include mirroring or four-way mirroring to prevent stitches from appearing in printed output.

8-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
a database that comprises ~~an image associated with~~ a spot color ~~pattern~~ name associated with corresponding image data;  
a module for receiving a print job comprising page description language (“PDL”) code that includes a reference to the spot color ~~pattern~~ name;  
a module for identifying the spot color name in the PDL code;  
a module for retrieving from the database the corresponding image data associated with the identified spot color name;  
~~means a module for adding page description language (PDL) PDL~~ code to the print job for painting the retrieved image data as a PostScript® pattern in the print job;  
a module for executing the PDL code in the print job;  
~~a module for extracting the image from the database~~; and  
a module for painting the retrieved image data as a PostScript pattern in the print job.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the image [[is]] data are definable by a user.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising a module for providing a user interface that allows a user to create, modify and/or delete the image data and the spot color ~~pattern~~ name in the database.

20-22. (Cancelled).

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising a module for adding additional PDL code to the print job to perform other tasks that

include mirroring or four-way mirroring to prevent stitches from appearing in printed output.

24. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a method comprising:

providing a raster image processor ("RIP") that includes a database that comprises an image associated with comprising a spot color pattern name associated with corresponding image data;

receiving a print job at the RIP, the print job comprising page description language ("PDL") code that includes a reference to comprising the spot color pattern name; and

processing the print job on the RIP by:

(a) identifying the spot color name in the PDL code;

(b) retrieving from the database the corresponding image data associated with the identified spot color name;

(c) adding page description language ("PDL") PDL code to the print job for painting the retrieved image data as a PostScript pattern in the print job;

(d) executing the PDL code in the print job;

extracting the image data from the database retrieved file name; and

(e) painting the retrieved image data as a PostScript pattern in the print job.

25. (Currently Amended) The program storage medium of Claim 24, wherein the image data ~~[[is]]~~ definable by a user.

26. (Currently Amended) The program storage medium of Claim 24, wherein the method further comprises providing a user interface that allows a user to create, modify and/or delete the image data and the spot color ~~pattern~~ name in the database.

27-29. (Cancelled).

30. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 24, wherein the method further comprises adding additional PDL code to the print job to perform other tasks that include mirroring or four-way mirroring to prevent stitches from appearing in printed output.

31-60. (Cancelled)